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# Relaxation-oscillations in infinite dimensional dynamical systems

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In this paper, we would like to consider the following reaction-diffusion systems arising in combustion theory:

$$(1)_{\varepsilon} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \Delta \theta + c f(\theta) \\ \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = d \Delta c - \varepsilon c f(\theta) \end{cases} \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0,$$

where  $f(\theta) = \exp\{-\frac{H}{1+\theta}\}$  and  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Here,  $\theta$  and  $c$  are respectively the nondimensionalized temperature and concentration of fuel.  $d$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and  $H$  are all positive constants. The meaning of these constants is stated in [2] for instance. The initial and boundary conditions for  $\theta$  and  $c$  are

$$(2) \quad \theta(0, x) = \theta_0(x) \geq 0, \quad c(0, x) = c_0(x) \geq 0 \quad x \in \Omega$$

and

$$(3) \quad \theta(t, x) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial \nu} = k_0(c^* - c) \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0$$

respectively, where  $\nu$  is the outward normal unit vector on  $\partial\Omega$ . The boundary condition of  $c$  indicates that the fuel is supplied through the boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Its magnitude is proportional to the difference of  $c$  on  $\partial\Omega$  and some constant value  $c^*$  with the flux rate  $k_0$ . To study  $(1)_\varepsilon$ , (2), (3), we assume here  $\varepsilon$  to be sufficiently small, which is natural from a chemical view point (see [2], [4] for instance) and  $k_0$  to be  $k\varepsilon$  for some  $k$ . The latter implies that amounts of the consumption and the supply of fuel would be the same order  $\varepsilon$ .

Our aim is to study the dependency of  $c^*$  on solutions  $(\theta(t, x), c(t, x))$  of  $(1)_\varepsilon$ , (2) and (3) with  $k_0 = k\varepsilon$  and to show the existence of relaxation oscillations in an appropriate range of  $c^*$  ([3]).

First, we analyze the behavior of solutions of  $(1)_\varepsilon$ , (2) and (3) by formal perturbation argument, so called the "two-timing method". Here, We rewrite  $(1)_\varepsilon$  and (3) as

$$(4)_\varepsilon \quad U_t = A_\varepsilon(U) + \varepsilon F(U),$$

where  $U = (\theta, c)$ ,  $F(U) = (0, -cf(\theta))$  and  $A_\varepsilon(U) = (\Delta\theta + cf(\theta), d\Delta c)$  for  $U = (\theta, c)$  with  $\theta|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial c}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial\Omega} = k\varepsilon(c^* - c)$ . We derive the lowest order approximate function by the two-timing method. Introducing two time scales: a *slow* time scale  $T = \varepsilon t$  and a *fast* time scale  $t$ , we look for solutions of  $(4)_\varepsilon$  in the form

$$(5) \quad U(t; \varepsilon) = U^0(t, T, x) + \varepsilon U^1(t, T, x) + O(\varepsilon^2).$$

With the relation  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial T}$ , inserting (5) into (4) <sub>$\varepsilon$</sub>  and equating coefficients of like powers of  $\varepsilon^0$  and  $\varepsilon^1$ , we obtain

$$(6) \quad U_t^0 = A_0(U^0), \quad t > 0, \quad T > 0$$

for  $U^0 = (\theta^0, c^0)$  satisfying  $\theta^0|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial c^0}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ ,

$$(7) \quad U_t^1 + U_T^0 = A'_0(U^0)U^1 + F(U^0), \quad t > 0, \quad T > 0$$

for  $U^1 = (\theta^1, c^1)$  satisfying  $\theta^1|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial c^1}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial\Omega} = k(c^* - c^0)$ , respectively, where  $A_0(U^0) = (\Delta\theta^0 + c^0 f(\theta^0), d\Delta c^0)$  and  $A'_0(U^0)$  represents the Frechet derivative of  $A_0(U^0)$  with respect to  $U^0$ .

Now, we immediately know the dynamics of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  for  $t$  from (6). Let us consider the dynamics of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  for  $T$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small, we may assume  $T$  to be  $O(1)$  for large enough  $t$ , so that we put formally  $t = \infty$  for any fixed  $T > 0$ . Consider the asymptotic behavior of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the equation of  $c^0(t, T, x)$  for  $t$  is  $\frac{\partial c^0}{\partial t} = \Delta c^0$  with  $\frac{\partial c^0}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ , the spatial average of  $c^0(t, T, x)$  is independent of  $t$  and the asymptotic behavior of  $c^0(t, T, x)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  is the constant of its spatial average  $\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} c^0(t, x, T) dx$ , say  $\lambda(T)$ . So that  $\theta^0(t, T, x)$  converges as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  to the nonnegative stable stationary solution of

$$(8)_\lambda \quad \theta_t = \Delta \theta + \lambda f(\theta), \quad x \in \Omega$$

with  $\theta|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ , where  $\lambda = \lambda(T)$ , which implies that it is important to consider the stationary problem of  $(8)_\lambda$ :

$$(9)_\lambda \quad \Delta \phi + \lambda f(\phi) = 0$$

with  $\phi|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  and  $\phi \geq 0$  in  $\Omega$ . This problem has been studied as "Nonlinear eigenvalue problems" by numerous authors. Specially, the problem in the case that  $\Omega$  is a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  has been extensively studied and when  $\Omega$  is a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with  $1 \leq N \leq 2$ , the global picture of solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$  with respect to  $\lambda$  is S-shaped given as follows mathematically and numerically (Figure 1) ( Parks[8], Parter, Stein and Stein[10], Parter[9], Gidas, Ni and Nirenberg[5], Tam[13], etc.):

(H1) There exist  $\underline{\lambda}$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$  ( $0 < \underline{\lambda} < \bar{\lambda}$ ) such that only three families of solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$ , say  $\{\phi_1(\cdot; \lambda)\}$ ,  $\{\phi_2(\cdot; \lambda)\}$ ,  $\{\phi_3(\cdot; \lambda)\}$ , exist on  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}$ ,  $\underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda \geq \underline{\lambda}$ , respectively, and satisfy  $\phi_1(x; \lambda) < \phi_2(x; \lambda) < \phi_3(x; \lambda)$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\underline{\lambda} < \lambda < \bar{\lambda}$  and  $\phi_1(x; \bar{\lambda}) = \phi_2(x; \bar{\lambda})$ ,  $\phi_3(x; \underline{\lambda}) = \phi_2(x; \underline{\lambda})$  for  $x \in \Omega$ .

(H2)  $\phi_1(x; \lambda) \leq \phi_1(x; \lambda')$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda' \leq \bar{\lambda}$ ;  $\phi_2(x; \lambda) \geq \phi_2(x; \lambda')$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda' \leq \bar{\lambda}$ ;  $\phi_3(x; \lambda) \leq \phi_3(x; \lambda')$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\lambda' \geq \lambda \geq \underline{\lambda}$ .

(H3)  $\phi_2(x; \lambda)$  is a hyperbolic stationary solution of  $(8)_\lambda$  for  $\underline{\lambda}$

$$< \lambda < \bar{\lambda}.$$

Remark 1. i) When  $\Omega$  is a ball, nonnegative solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$  are all symmetric (Gidas, Ni and Nirenberg[5]) and Parks[8], Parter[9], Parter, Stein and Stein[10] investigated symmetric solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$  and they proved that there are at least three solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$  in a certain range of  $\lambda$ .

ii) When  $N \geq 3$ , the global picture of solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$  with respect to  $\lambda$  is in general not S-shaped and more complicated (see e.g. Bebernes and Eberly[1]). So we don't consider the case in this paper, though we can deal with it in a similar manner.

iii) If (H1) holds,  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_3$  are stable relative to  $(8)_\lambda$  for  $0 \leq \lambda < \bar{\lambda}$ ,  $\lambda > \underline{\lambda}$ , respectively, and  $\phi_2$  is unstable for  $\underline{\lambda} < \lambda < \bar{\lambda}$  (e.g. sattinger [11]). If we assume both (H1) and (H2), then we can show that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_3$  are stable and  $\phi_2$  is unstable in a linearized sense (see [3, Lemma A2 in Appendix]).

iv) (H1), (H2) and (H3) hold rigorously in the case that  $\Omega$  is an interval in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , which is shown by [3, Lemma A1 in Appendix].

From now on, we assume (H1), (H2) and (H3) for  $(8)_\lambda$  without assuming necessarily that  $\Omega$  is a ball and  $1 \leq N \leq 2$ . Suppose  $U^0(t, T, x) \rightarrow (\phi(x; \lambda(T)), \lambda(T))$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\phi(x; \lambda) = \phi_1(x; \lambda)$  or  $\phi_3(x; \lambda)$ .  $\lambda(T)$  is determined as follows: Integrating the equation of the second component of (7) with respect to  $x$ , we have

$$(10) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} c^1(t, T, x) dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \int_{\Omega} c^0(t, T, x) dx = k \int_{\partial\Omega} (c^* - c^0(t, T, x)) ds \\ - \int_{\Omega} f(\theta^0(t, T, x)) dx.$$

Let  $t \rightarrow \infty$  in (10). Then, noting that  $c^0(t, T, x) \rightarrow \lambda(T)$ ,  $\theta^0(t, T, x) \rightarrow \phi(x; \lambda(T))$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} c^1(t, T, x) dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$(11) \quad \frac{d\lambda}{dT} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \{ kd|\partial\Omega| (c^* - \lambda) - \lambda \int_{\Omega} f(\phi(x; \lambda)) dx \},$$

which means that the function  $U^0(\infty, T, x)$  moves along  $(\phi(x; \lambda(T)), \lambda(T))$  with the solution  $\lambda(T)$  of (11). Since  $\phi(x; \lambda) = \phi_1(x; \lambda)$  or  $\phi_3(x; \lambda)$ , we define  $F_i(\lambda) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \{ kd|\partial\Omega| (c^* - \lambda) - \lambda \int_{\Omega} f(\phi_i(x; \lambda)) dx \}$  and rewrite (11) as

$$(12)_i \quad \frac{d\lambda}{dT} = F_i(\lambda)$$

( $i = 1, 3$ ) in order to clarify the family of solutions of  $(9)_{\lambda}$  to which we pay attention.

It is expected that  $U^0(t, T, x)$  approximates well the solution of  $(4)_{\varepsilon}$ , so that it is worth to consider the behavior of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  in more detail. In order to classify the behavior of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  with respect to  $c^*$ , we write  $F_i(\lambda) = -H_i(\lambda) + ac^*$ , where  $H_i(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{|\Omega|} \{ kd|\partial\Omega| + \int_{\Omega} f(\phi_i(x; \lambda)) dx \}$  and  $a = \frac{kd|\partial\Omega|}{|\Omega|}$ .  $H_1(\lambda)$  and  $H_3(\lambda)$  are defined for  $0 \leq \lambda < \bar{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda > \underline{\lambda}$ , respectively.

Now, we define  $H_* = \max_{0 \leq \lambda < \bar{\lambda}} H_1(\lambda)$  and  $H^* = \min_{\lambda > \underline{\lambda}} H_3(\lambda)$ . Then, from

(H1) and (H2)  $H_3(\lambda) > H_1(\lambda)$  holds for  $\underline{\lambda} < \lambda < \bar{\lambda}$  and  $H_i(\lambda)$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ) are monotone increasing, which implies  $H_* = H_1(\bar{\lambda}) < H^* = H_3(\underline{\lambda})$  (Figure 2). Let  $S^0(t)\bar{U} = (\theta, c)$  be the solution of (6) with the initial data  $\bar{U} = (\bar{\theta}, \bar{c})$ , that is, the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \theta_t = \Delta \theta + cf(\theta) \\ c_t = d\Delta c \end{cases}$$

with  $\theta|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial c}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  and  $(\theta(0, x), c(0, x)) = \bar{U} = (\bar{\theta}(x), \bar{c}(x))$ .

i)  $c^* < H_*/a$

In this case,  $F_1(\lambda)$  has only one equilibrium  $\lambda_*$ , which is stable relative to  $(12)_1$ , and  $F_3(\lambda) < 0$  for any  $\lambda > \underline{\lambda}$  (Figure 3-1). Suppose that for the initial data  $U_0 = (\theta_0, c_0)$ , the solution  $S^0(t)U_0$  converges to  $(\phi_3(x; \lambda_0), \lambda_0)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} c_0(x) dx$ . We define this orbit  $cl\{S^0(t)U_0 \mid t \geq 0\}$  by  $r_1$ . After reaching  $(\phi_3(x; \lambda_0), \lambda_0)$ ,  $U^0(t, T, x)$  varies along  $(\phi_3(x; \lambda(T)), \lambda(T))$ , where  $\lambda(T)$  is the solution of  $(12)_3$  with  $\lambda(0) = \lambda_0$ . Since  $\lambda(T)$  is decreasing for  $T$ ,  $\lambda(T)$  arrives at  $\underline{\lambda}$  for a finite time of  $T$  and  $\phi_3(x; \lambda)$  vanishes by coalescing with  $\phi_2(x; \lambda)$ . Let the orbit be  $r_2 = \{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}\}$ . After  $\lambda(T)$  arrives at  $\underline{\lambda}$ ,  $U^0(t, T, x)$  is again governed by (6) and converges to  $(\phi_1(x; \underline{\lambda}), \underline{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . This orbit is given by  $r_3 = cl\{(\theta(t, \cdot), \underline{\lambda}) \mid -\infty < t < +\infty\}$ , where  $\theta(t, x)$  is the solution of



(8)  $\underline{\lambda}$  satisfying  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_3(x; \underline{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_1(x; \underline{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . The existence of orbits such as  $r_3$  is shown by Matano[7]. After reaching  $(\phi_1(x; \underline{\lambda}), \underline{\lambda})$ ,  $U^0(t, T, x)$  approaches  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  along  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda(T)), \lambda(T))$ , where  $\lambda(T)$  is the solution of  $(12)_1$  with  $\lambda(0) = \underline{\lambda}$ . Consequently, defining  $r_4 = \{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_*\}$  if  $\underline{\lambda} < \lambda_*$  or  $r_4 = \{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \lambda_* \leq \lambda \leq \underline{\lambda}\}$  if  $\lambda_* < \underline{\lambda}$ , we see that the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  from  $U_0$  to  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  consists of the union of above four orbits  $r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3 \cup r_4$  (Figure 4-1).

If  $S^0(t)U_0 \rightarrow (\phi_1(x; \lambda_0), \lambda_0)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for the initial data  $U_0$ , then  $U^0(t, T, x)$  just approaches  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  along  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda(T)), \lambda(T))$ , where  $\lambda(T)$  is the solution of  $(12)_1$  with  $\lambda(0) = \lambda_0$ . In this case, defining  $r'_1 = cl\{S^0(t)U_0 \mid t \geq 0\}$  and  $r'_2 = \{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \lambda_0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda^*\}$  if  $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda^*$  or  $r'_2 = \{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \lambda^* \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_0\}$  if  $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda^*$ , the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  from  $U_0$  to  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  is given by  $r'_1 \cup r'_2$  (Figure 4-1).

Thus,  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  is globally stable and there are mainly two kind of behaviors of  $U^0(t, T, x)$ , one is the behavior given by the orbit  $r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3 \cup r_4$ , another is the one given by the orbit  $r'_1 \cup r'_2$ , which depends on the initial data  $U_0$ .

$$\text{ii) } H_*/a < c^* < H^*/a$$

In this case,  $F_1(\lambda) > 0$  for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}$  and  $F_3(\lambda) < 0$  for  $\lambda \geq \underline{\lambda}$  (Figure 3-2).

Suppose that  $S^0(t)U_0$  converges to  $(\phi_3(x; \lambda_0), \lambda_0)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} c_0(x) dx$ . The orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  is quite

similar to that in case i) until  $U^0(t, T, x)$  reaches  $(\phi_1(x; \underline{\lambda}), \underline{\lambda})$ . The orbit is represented by  $r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3$  if we use the same symbol in case i). Starting at  $(\phi_1(x; \underline{\lambda}), \underline{\lambda})$ ,  $U^0(t, T, x)$  moves along  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda(T)), \lambda(T))$ , where  $\lambda(T)$  is the solution of  $(12)_1$  with  $\lambda(0) = \underline{\lambda}$ . Since  $F_1(\lambda) > 0$  for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}$ ,  $\lambda(T)$  arrives at  $\bar{\lambda}$  for a finite time of  $T$ . Let the orbit be  $r_4 = \{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}\}$ . When  $\lambda(T)$  arrives at  $\bar{\lambda}$ , the dynamics of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  is described by (6) and  $U^0(t, T, x)$  converges to  $(\phi_3(x; \bar{\lambda}), \bar{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , after which we can chase the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  by quite a similar manner in case i). Consequently, we see that the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  is asymptotically given by the periodic orbit  $r = r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3 \cup r_4$ . Here,  $r_1 = cl\{(\theta(t, x), \bar{\lambda}) \mid -\infty < t < +\infty\}$ , where  $\theta(t, x)$  is the solution of  $(8)_{\bar{\lambda}}$  satisfying  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_1(x; \bar{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_3(x; \bar{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ ;  $r_2 = \{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}\}$ ;  $r_3 = cl\{(\theta(t, x), \underline{\lambda}) \mid -\infty < t < +\infty\}$ , where  $\theta(t, x)$  is the solution of  $(8)_{\underline{\lambda}}$  satisfying  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_3(x; \underline{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_1(x; \underline{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ ;  $r_4$  is as mentioned above (Figure 4-2). Among them,  $r_1$  and  $r_3$  are the orbits governed by  $(7)_{\lambda}$  with the fast time scale  $t$  and  $r_2, r_4$  are those governed by  $(12)$  with the slow time scale  $T$ . Thus, this periodic orbit  $r$  can be regarded as the "relaxation oscillation in infinite dimensional dynamical systems".

iii)  $c^* > H^*/a$

In this case,  $F_3(\lambda)$  has only one equilibrium  $\lambda^*$  and  $F_1(\lambda) >$

0 for  $0 \leq \lambda < \bar{\lambda}$  (Figure 3-3). Quite similarly to case i), we find that the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  is given by  $r = r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3 \cup r_4$  if  $S^0(t)U_0 \rightarrow (\phi_1(x; \lambda_0), \lambda_0)$  or  $r' = r'_1 \cup r'_2$  if  $S^0(t)U_0 \rightarrow (\phi_3(x; \lambda_0), \lambda_0)$ , where  $\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} c_0(x) dx$ . Here,  $r_1 = cl\{S^0(t)U_0 \mid 0 \leq t < +\infty\}$ ;  $r_2 = \{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \underline{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}\}$ ;  $r_3 = cl\{(\theta(t, x), \bar{\lambda}) \mid -\infty < t < +\infty\}$ , where  $\theta(t, x)$  is the solution of (8) $_{\bar{\lambda}}$  satisfying  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_1(x; \bar{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $\theta(t, x) \rightarrow \phi_3(x; \bar{\lambda})$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ ;  $r_4 = \{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \bar{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda^*\}$  if  $\lambda^* > \bar{\lambda}$  or  $r_4 = \{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \lambda^* \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}\}$  if  $\lambda^* < \bar{\lambda}$ ;  $r'_1 = cl\{S^0(t)U_0 \mid 0 \leq t < +\infty\}$ ;  $r'_2 = \{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \bar{\lambda} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda^*\}$  if  $\lambda^* > \bar{\lambda}$  or  $r'_2 = \{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda) \mid \lambda^* \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}\}$  if  $\lambda^* < \bar{\lambda}$  (Figure 4-3).  $(\phi_3(x; \lambda^*), \lambda^*)$  is globally stable.

Let us consider the phenomenal meanings of above results. Since it follows from (H1), (H2) and (H3) that  $\phi_1(x; \lambda_1) < \phi_2(x; \lambda_2) < \phi_3(x; \lambda_3)$  in  $\Omega$  for any  $0 \leq \lambda_1 < \bar{\lambda}$ ,  $\underline{\lambda} < \lambda_2 < \bar{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda_3 > \bar{\lambda}$ , we can regard the solution families  $\{(\phi_1(x; \lambda), \lambda)\}$  and  $\{(\phi_3(x; \lambda), \lambda)\}$  as the cold state and the hot state, respectively. The case i) (or iii)) implies that:

If the supply of fuel  $c^*$  is below (or beyond) some critical value, that is,  $c^* < H_*/a$  (or  $c^* > H^*/a$ ), the state of combustion eventually settles down in the cold state of a low temperature  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  (or the hot state of a high temperature  $(\phi_3(x; \lambda^*), \lambda^*)$ ). Moreover, the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  describes how

the combustion proceeds to the final stage. For example, consider the case i). When the orbit of  $U^0(t, T, x)$  is given by  $r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3 \cup r_4$  as mentioned in the case i),  $r_1$  means the rapid burn-up to a hot state of a high temperature with the fast time scale  $t$  (the explosion) and the combustion proceeds slowly along the hot state  $r_2$  with the slow time scale  $T$ . When the combustion reaches a critical state  $(\phi_3(x; \underline{\lambda}), \underline{\lambda})$ , the combustion rapidly burns down to a cold state of a low temperature along  $r_3$  with the fast time scale  $t$  and proceeds slowly to a final stage  $(\phi_1(x; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  along  $r_4$ . On the other hand, the orbit given by  $r_1' \cup r_2'$  means no explosion. Thus, whether explosion appears or not depends on the initial data, which is determined by the behavior of  $S^0(t)U_0$ .

The case ii) implies that: If the supply of fuel  $c^*$  is in the appropriate range, that is, in the range  $H_*/a < c^* < H^*/a$ , the state of combustion varies periodically in time. Its orbit  $r_1 \cup r_2 \cup r_3 \cup r_4$  given in the case ii) shows that the cold state of a low temperature and the hot state of a high temperature appear alternatively by repeating burn-up and burn-down.

Thus, the combustion varies from the cold state to the hot state by way of the periodic state as  $c^*$  increases. The global picture of combustion with respect to  $c^*$  is drawn in Figure 5.

Finally, we give the validity of above discussions ([3], [6]).

In addition to assumptions (H1), (H2) and (H3), we impose the following assumption on  $\Omega$ : (H4) There exist a smooth function  $g(x)$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and positive constants  $r_0, R_0$  ( $r_0 \leq R_0$ )

so that  $r_0 \leq \Delta g(x) \leq R_0$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial \nu} = 1$  for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ .

Remark 2. Such a function  $g(x)$  really exists when  $\Omega$  is a ball.

Let  $F_i(\lambda)$ ,  $H_i(\lambda)$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ) and constants  $H_*$ ,  $H^*$  and  $a$  be those given above.  $U_\varepsilon(t)U_0$  denotes the solution of  $(4)_\varepsilon$  with  $U_\varepsilon(0)U_0 = U_0$ . Let  $B_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be the Banach space  $L^p(\Omega)$  for  $p > N$  with the usual norm and  $B_i^\alpha$  be the domain of  $A_i^\alpha$  with the graph norm  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$ , where  $A_1 = \Delta$  (Laplace operator in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ) with the domain  $D(A_1) = \{\theta \in W^{2,p}(\Omega) \mid \theta = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$  and  $A_2 = d\Delta$  with the domain  $D(A_2) = \{c \in W^{2,p}(\Omega) \mid \frac{\partial c}{\partial \nu} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$ . When  $N = 1$ , we put  $p = 2$ . We define  $B = B_1 \times B_2$  with the norm  $\|U\| = \|\theta\|_{L^p(\Omega)} + \|c\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$  for  $U = (\theta, c) \in B$  and  $B^\alpha = B_1^\alpha \times B_2^\alpha$  with the norm  $\|U\|_\alpha = \|\theta\|_\alpha + \|c\|_\alpha$ . Hereafter, we fix  $\alpha \in \left(\frac{p+N}{2p}, 1\right)$  so that  $B^\alpha \subset C^1(\Omega) \times C^1(\Omega)$  with the continuous imbedding. Moreover, we define the norm of  $L^q(\Omega)$  for  $q \geq 1$  by  $\|\cdot\|_{L^q}$  and define projections  $Pc = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_\Omega c(x) dx$  and  $Qc(x) = c(x) - Pc$  for  $c \in L^p(\Omega)$ .

Theorem 1. (Point dissipativeness) There exist  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ ,  $M_0 > 0$  and  $c_* > 0$ ,  $\underline{\theta}(x)$  such that a compact set  $K_\varepsilon$  in  $B^\alpha$  exists for  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$  so that  $K_\varepsilon \subset \{U = (\theta, c) \in B^\alpha \mid \underline{\theta}(x) \leq \theta(x), c_* \leq c(x) \leq c^* \text{ for } x \in \Omega, \|U\|_\alpha \leq M_0 \text{ and } \|Qc\|_\alpha \leq \varepsilon M_0\}$ , where  $\underline{\theta}(x)$  is a nonnegative and nontrivial function on  $\Omega$  with  $\underline{\theta}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ , and that for any  $U_0 = (\theta_0, c_0) \in B$  with  $\theta_0(x) \geq 0$  and  $c_0(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \in \Omega$ , the solution  $U_\varepsilon(t)U_0$  eventually enters  $K_\varepsilon$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Theorem 2. Suppose  $0 < c^* < H_*/a$  (or  $c^* > H^*/a$ ) and let  $\lambda_*$  (or  $\lambda^*$ ) be the equilibrium of  $(12)_1$  (or  $(12)_3$ ). If  $\frac{dF_1}{d\lambda}(\lambda_*) < 0$  (or  $\frac{dF_3}{d\lambda}(\lambda^*) < 0$ ), then there exist  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $(4)_\varepsilon$  has a unique stationary solution  $(\bar{\theta}(x; \varepsilon), \bar{c}(x; \varepsilon))$  for  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ , which satisfies  $(\bar{\theta}(\cdot; \varepsilon), \bar{c}(\cdot; \varepsilon)) \in C((0, \varepsilon_0]; B)$  and  $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (\bar{\theta}(\cdot; \varepsilon), \bar{c}(\cdot; \varepsilon)) = (\phi_1(\cdot; \lambda_*), \lambda_*)$  (or  $= (\phi_3(\cdot; \lambda^*), \lambda^*)$ ). Moreover,  $(\bar{\theta}(\cdot; \varepsilon), \bar{c}(\cdot; \varepsilon))$  is globally stable.

Let  $\gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4$  be the orbit mentioned in the case ii) and  $Y_\delta = \{(\theta, c) \in B \mid \text{dist}_{B^\alpha} \{\gamma, (\theta, c)\} < \delta\}$ .

Theorem 3. Suppose  $H_*/a < c^* < H^*/a$ . Then for sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_\delta > 0$  such that  $(4)_\varepsilon$  has a periodic solution  $\Pi_p(t, x; \varepsilon) = (\theta_p(t, x; \varepsilon), c_p(t, x; \varepsilon))$  with the period  $p(\varepsilon)$  for  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_\delta$ , which satisfies  $\Pi_p(t, \cdot; \varepsilon) \in Y_\delta$  for  $0 \leq t \leq p(\varepsilon)$  and  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_\delta$ .

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### Caption

Fig. 1. Global diagram of stationary solutions of  $(9)_\lambda$  with respect to  $\lambda$ .

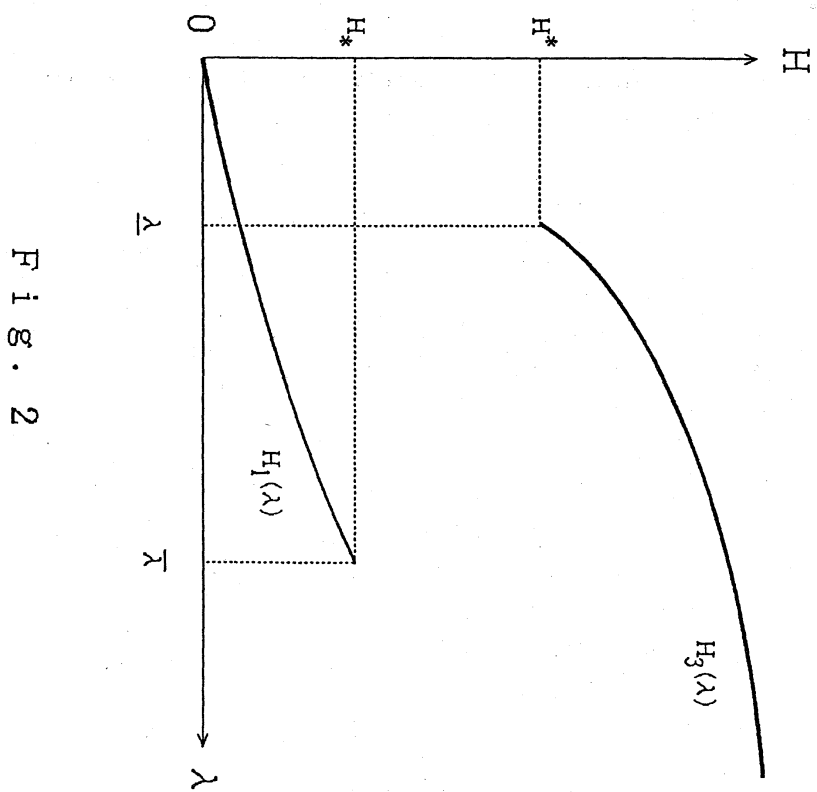
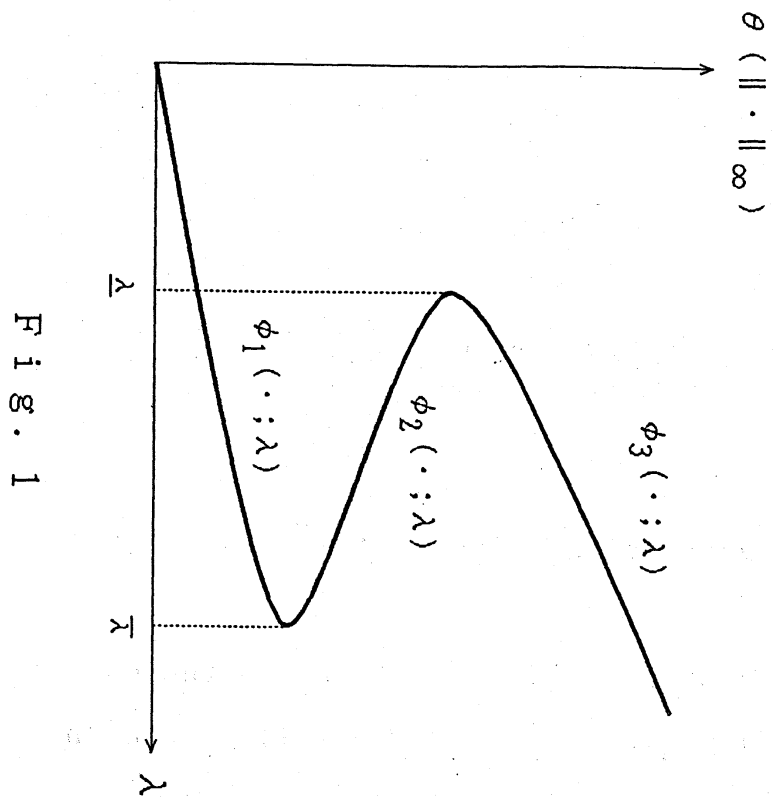
Fig. 2. The graph of  $H_i(\lambda)$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ).

Fig. 3. The graph of  $F_i(\lambda)$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ) in the case that: i)  $0 < c^* < H_*/a$ ; ii)  $H_*/a < c^* < H^*/a$ ; iii)  $c^* > H^*/a$ .

Fig. 4. Orbits of solutions of  $(4)_\varepsilon$  in the case that: i)  $0 < c^* < H_*/a$ ; ii)  $H_*/a < c^* < H^*/a$ ; iii)  $c^* > H^*/a$ .

Fig. 5. Global structure of dynamics of  $(4)_\varepsilon$  with respect to  $c^*$ .





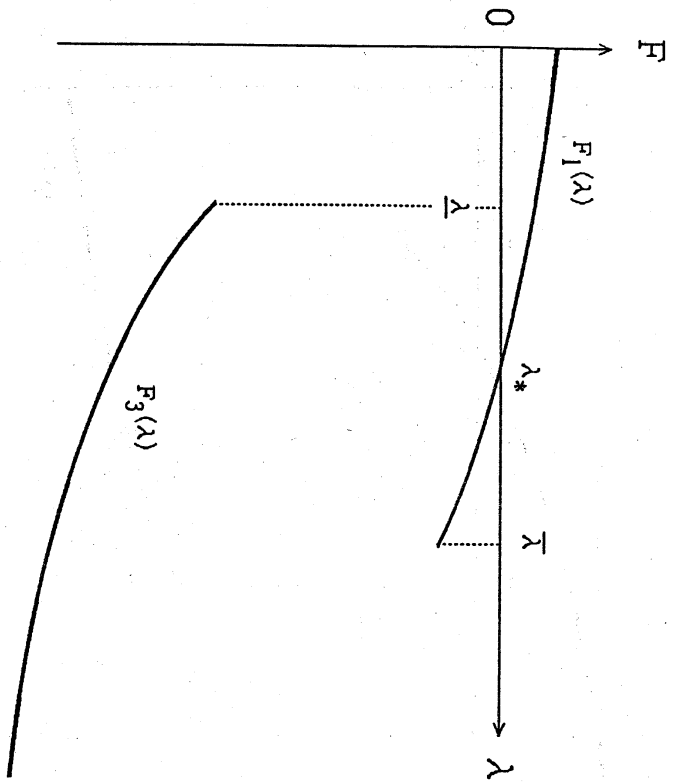


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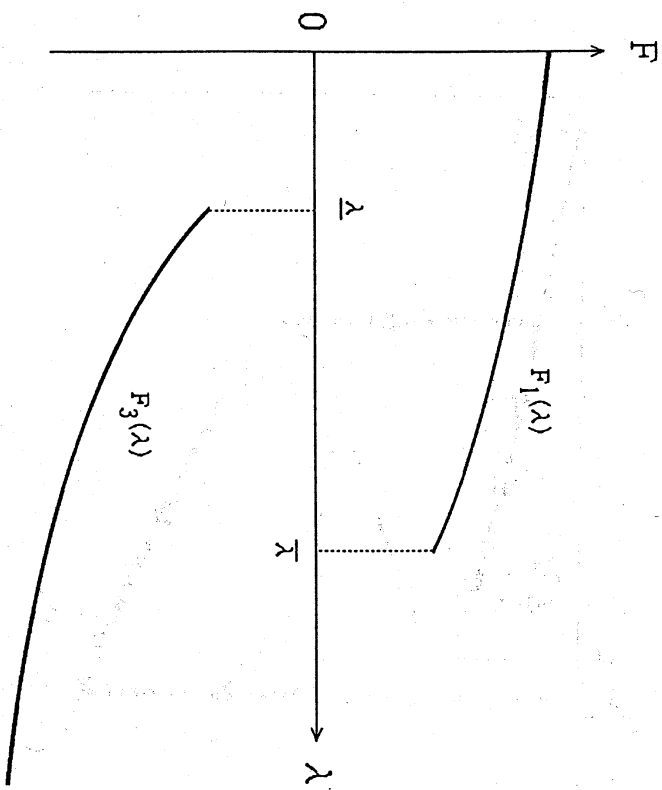


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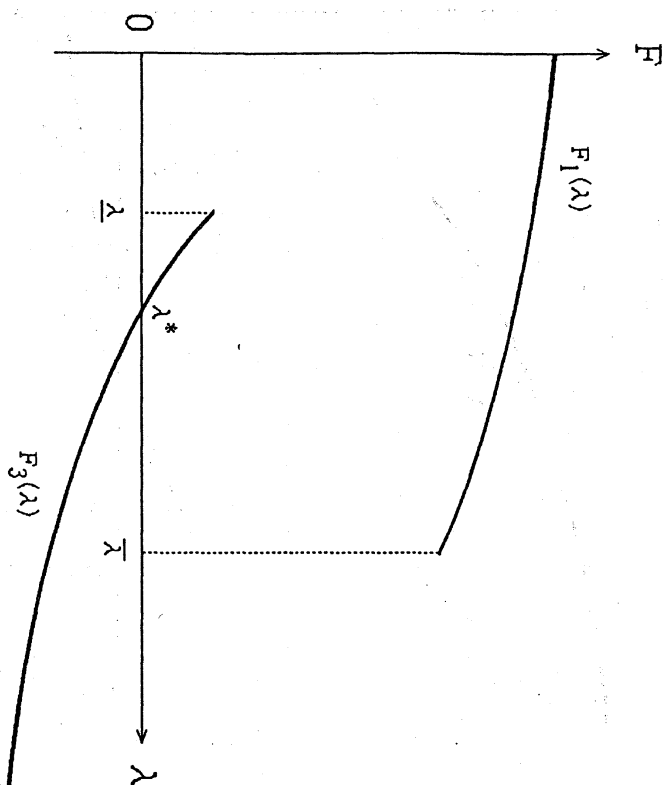


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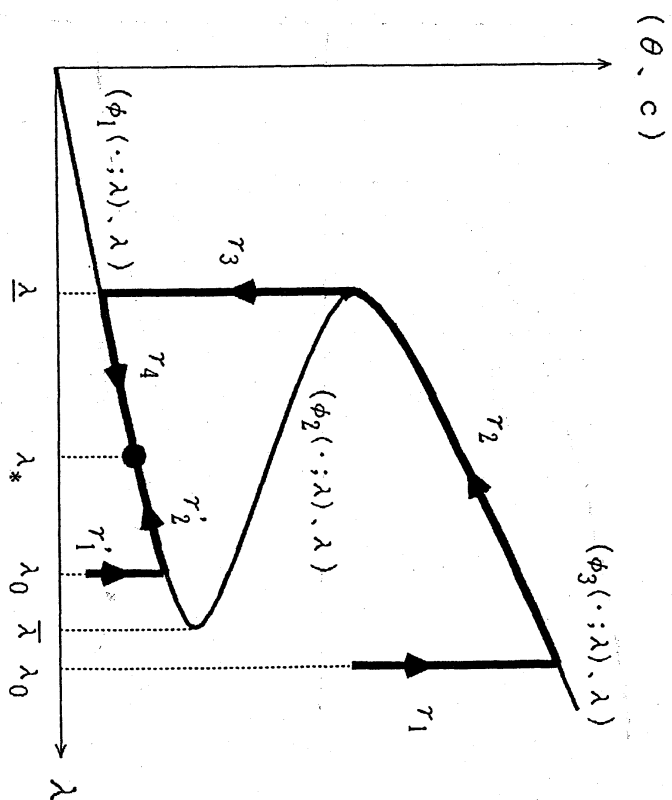


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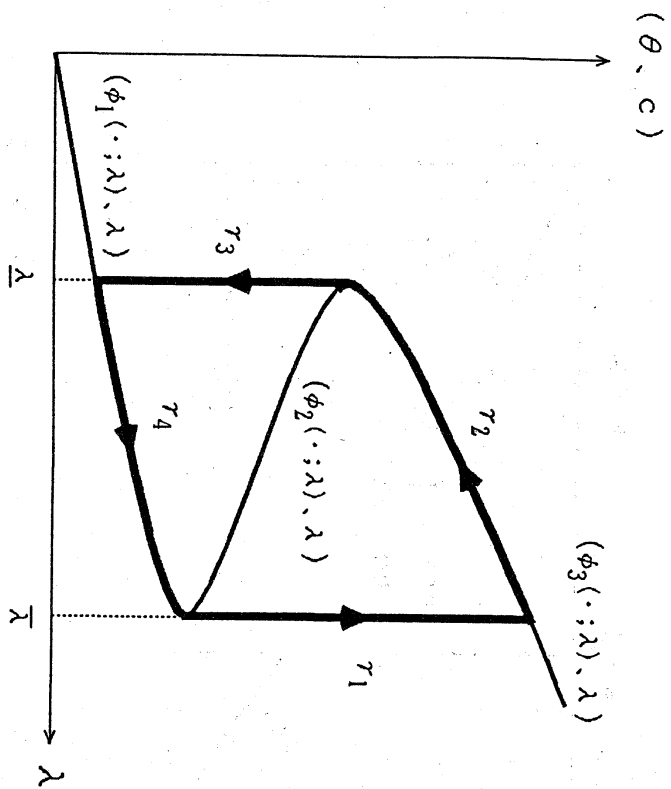


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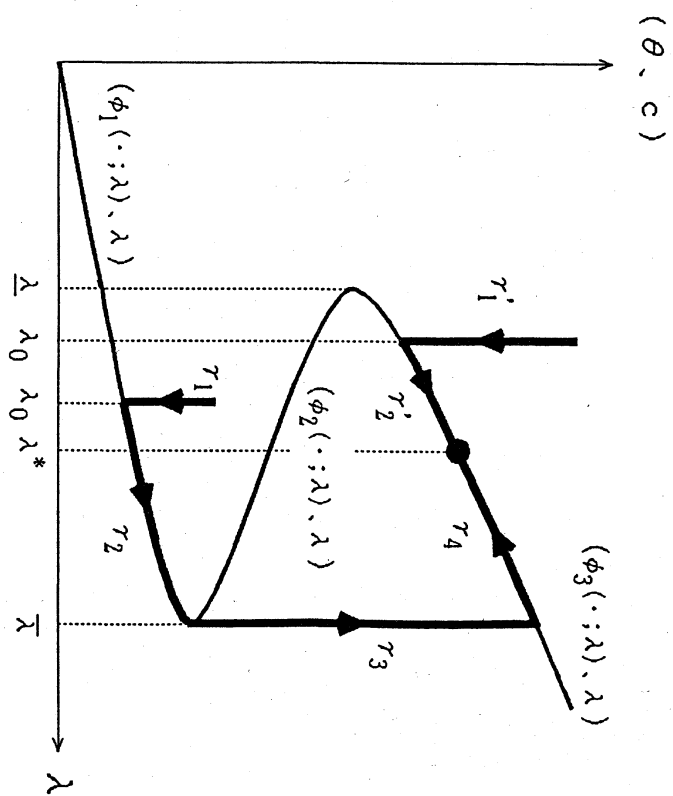
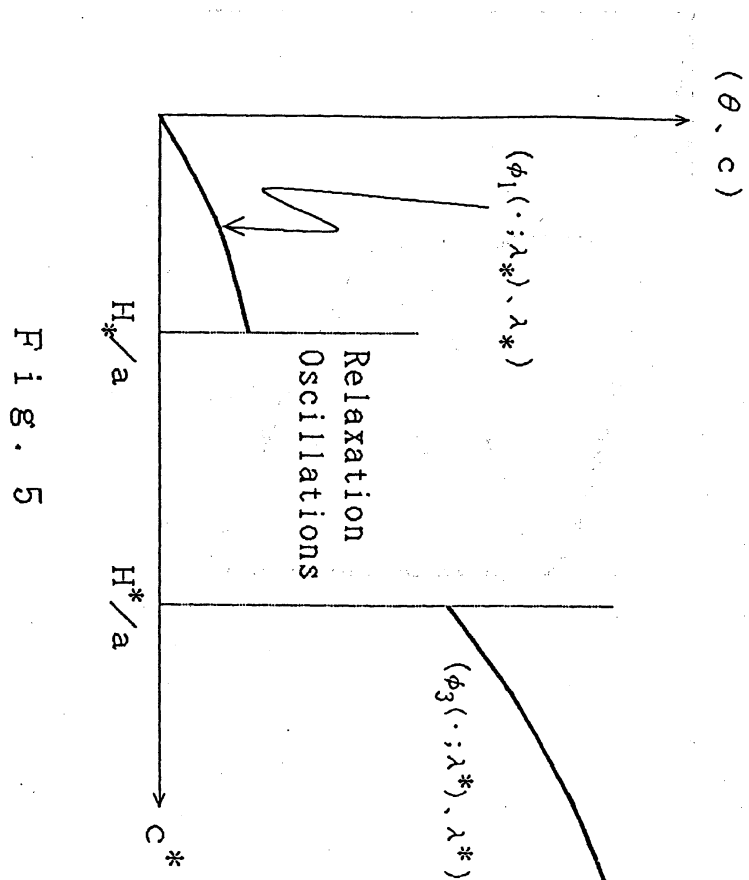


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